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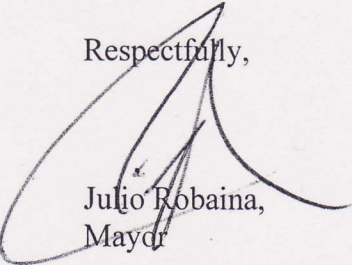
Dear Mr. Hernandez:

The City Council requested a prompt vote on the Collective Bargaining Agreement (the contract); an agreement which the Executive Board of AFSCME Local 161 (the Union leadership) must support and encourage. Unfortunately, what has occurred is that the Union leadership has delayed the contract vote for 36 days, until August 18, 2010.

While I respect that time is needed to discuss the proposed contract, this delay will increase the future pay reductions to employees when the terms of the proposed contract are finally implemented, as employees will have to make up the value of the furlough days and supplemental insurance payments retroactively to July 13, 2010.

These are extremely difficult economic times affecting all of us, and I therefore urge the Union leadership to make every effort to expedite the vote.

Respectfully,


Julio Robaina,
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